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Confusion over whether dogs on campuses qualify as street animals under existing sterilisation and vaccination frameworks

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Sreeleela explains how she manages flourishing film career along with raising her three adopted children

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No ward meetings since May 2025 and no elected council since 2020 — city faces complete breakdown of local governance and grievance redressal mechanisms

LET'S MEET & DISCUSS

What are we waiting for? GBA formed, 5 corporations created, citizens' census done

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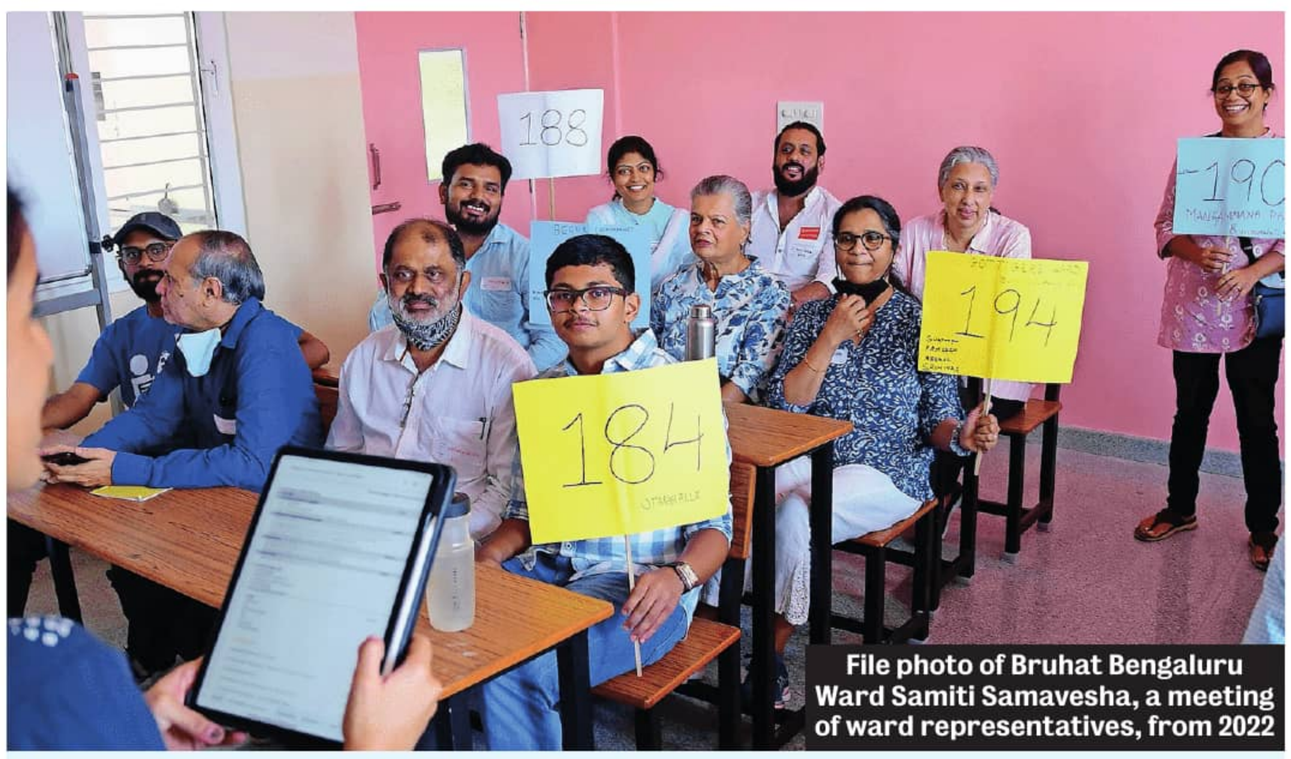
Ward meetings in Bengaluru along with authorities and citizens have come to a complete halt since May 2025, raising serious concerns among citizens and civic groups about the breakdown of local governance and grievance redressal mechanisms. With no elected council in place since 2020 and repeated delays in municipal elections, citizens say they are being forced to repeatedly call for just the most basic platforms for civic engagement.

Data from earlier years shows how ward committee meetings once functioned as an important bridge between citizens and the administration. Between September 2021 and August 2022, an average of 167 ward committee meetings were held every month, adding up to around 1,170 meetings in a year. The numbers improved further between September 2022 and September 2023, when nearly 270 meetings were held per month, totalling 3,240 meetings annually.

However, this momentum did not last. From May 2025 onwards, public grievance meetings were stopped across many wards. In several areas, the May meeting turned out to be the last, with no clarity provided on when they would resume.



File photo of Bruhat Bengaluru Ward Samiti Samavesha, a meeting of ward representatives, from 2022

> **"Ward committees are meant to be headed by corporators, but with no council elections held since years there is a major vacuum in local governance. In 2019, we worked closely with officials to ensure meetings were initiated, grievances were recorded, and issues were pushed to nodal officers for resolution**
>
> —Jairaj Mandayam, Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga

Sandeep Anirudhan, convenor of Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru, said ward meetings have effectively come to a halt, with Mahadevpura's last meeting held in May 2025.

Whole new body

The Bengaluru civic body had undergone multiple structural changes in the last year -- with the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) formation, division of the city into five municipal

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What's your type?

Health professionals urge formation of registry as hospitals always on edge due to rare 'Bombay Blood' type scarcity

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A section of Bengaluru hospitals face critical challenges in sourcing the rare Bombay blood group (hh or Oh phenotype) for emergency cases, as families and healthcare providers struggle to locate compatible donors. Globally, only one in a million people carries this blood type. In India, estimates suggest that at one in 10 lakh, just 200–250 individuals have this blood type. Like all rare blood groups, 'Bombay blood' requires exact matches; mismatched transfusions can endanger patients' lives, leaving medical teams cautious and families anxious.

Doctors said that despite extensive awareness drives, nearly 40% of people do not know their blood type, and gaps in blood bank technology and record-keeping often misidentify 'Bombay blood' group as O positive or O negative. Moreover, most female carriers; around 90%, cannot

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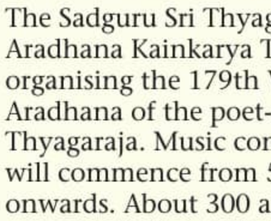
THINGS TO DO

01 Connecting with nature

The Sixth Sense, India's first and largest multidisciplinary immersive festival, conceptualised and developed by Swordfish, the creators of Echoes of Earth festival, brings together art, music, technology, and nature to rekindle connection with the natural world. **Where: Alembic City, Whitefield; When: February 5 to 22**

02 Journey of life



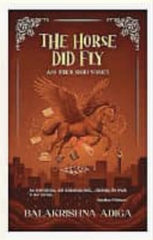
Atta Galatta is presenting the launch of Vanilla Hour by Neer Ya, a thoughtful, emotionally grounded story about mothers and daughters, memory, and learning how to live without fear. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: January 9, 2 pm**

03 Sowing hope

Tundu Bhoomi Krushika Mahila Sankranti brings to life the strength & spirit of Karnataka's women farmers, custodians of native seeds, food traditions, and sustainable living, at Ragi Kana Santhe. **Where: Ragi Kana, Gottigere; When: January 11, 10 am**

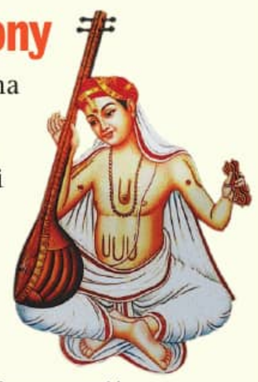
04 Tales unfolding

Atta Galatta is hosting a book reading by Balakrishna Adiga for his latest collection, The Horse Did Fly, an incisive collection of urban tales, bringing to life everyday characters caught in hilarious and surprising twists. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: January 9, 5.30 pm**



05 Soulful symphony

The Sadguru Sri Thyagabrahma Aradhana Kainkarya Trust is organising the 179th Vaidika Aradhana of the poet-saint Sri Thyagaraja. Music concerts will commence from 5 pm onwards. About 300 artists are expected to participate in this mega festival. **Where: Sringeri Shankara Matha, Chamarajapete; When: Until January 11**



State govt identifies sites to relocate displaced citizens

In response to petition filed by former residents of demolished colonies in Kogilu Layout, govt notifies HC about three areas earmarked for displaced residents to temporarily relocate to until further orders

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The Karnataka government on Wednesday informed the High Court that it has identified three locations for the temporary relocation of residents of Wasim Colony and Fakir Colony in Kogilu Layout, whose houses were recently demolished. The submission was made in response to a petition filed by former residents, including Zaiba Tabassum, challenging the demolition drive carried out on December 20, during which around 300 houses were razed, affecting nearly 3,000 people. The petitioners have alleged that the demolition was carried out without prior notice and violated constitutional safeguards as well as Supreme Court guidelines governing the demolition of structures.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha recorded the statement of Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty, appearing for the State, who said that three areas had been earmarked where the displaced residents could relocate temporarily until further orders were passed in the matter. He also assured the court that food and other basic amenities would be provided to residents once they were relocated.

The Advocate General contended that the Supreme Court's directions on demolition procedures were not applicable in the present case, arguing that the land in question belonged to the government. He further maintained that the colonies did not qualify as slums.

The bench, however, orally observed that even if the specific Supreme Court judgment cited by the petitioners did not apply, there were other judicial precedents requiring authorities to follow due process before carrying out demolitions. The court noted the petitioners' claim that they had been residing in the area for over 28 years.

In response, the Advocate General disputed this claim, stating that satellite imagery was available to establish when each structure had been built. The petitioners' counsel reiterated that no notices were issued prior to the demolition and that the principle of audi alteram partem had been violated. On being asked what immediate relief was sought, he requested that food and blankets be provided to the affected families.

The court subsequently issued notice to the respondents, recorded the State's assurance on temporary relocation, and directed the authorities to file a detailed response supported by a comprehensive affidavit. The matter has been posted for further hearing on January 22.

Demolished houses in Fakir Chand Colony in Kogilu Layout

Petitioners allege that demolition was carried out without prior notice and violates constitutional safeguards as well as SC guidelines governing demolition of structures

IN HIGH COURT

'Employers bear risk of unlicensed drivers'

The Karnataka High Court has reiterated that employers are legally obligated to ensure that drivers engaged by them possess a valid and effective driving licence, failing which liability arising from accidents cannot be shifted to insurance companies.

The court was hearing an appeal filed by the management of a private school in Mangaluru, challenging an order directing it to pay compensation following a fatal accident involving one of its school buses. The accident occurred in August 2008 when the bus skidded off a rain-soaked road and plunged into the Phalguni river, resulting in the death of the driver. At the time of the accident, the vehicle was insured, but the insurance company declined liability on the ground that the driver's licence had expired nearly two months earlier. The Employees' Compensation Commissioner subsequently directed the school management to pay compensation of over Rs 5 lakh with interest to the deceased driver's family, citing a violation of policy conditions.

The school management argued before the High Court that it had acted in good faith and that the insurer should bear the responsibility. However, the court rejected this contention, observing that it is the employer's duty to verify the validity of a driver's licence before permitting them to operate a vehicle.

SBI opens GCC and 11 branches in Bengaluru

State Bank of India (SBI) on Tuesday opened a Global Capability Centre and 11 new branches in Bengaluru. The Global Capability Centre was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Challa Sreenivasulu Setty. The move marks an expansion of the bank's operations in the city. The event was attended by Joohi Smita Sinha, Chief General Manager, Bengaluru Circle, along with other general managers. The bank has also set up a relationship management team in Bengaluru to handle the banking and financial needs of these centres.

According to a release issued by Bank's Assistant General Manager (MC and CSR), under the CSR initiatives, SBI announced support for the upgradation of 35 government primary schools in Karnataka, supply of ENT diagnostic and treatment equipment to Bagchi-Parthasarathy Hospital at IISc Medical School, plantation of 50,000 trees at the Tumkur University campus, and donation of an e-ambulance to the Madras Engineer Group and Centre in Bengaluru. **— BMB**

VK Kannada Habba brings two days of language and culture

Bengaluru is set to resonate with the spirit of Kannada language and culture as Vijaya Karnataka, sister publication of Bangalore Mirror, hosts the VK Kannada Habba on January 10 and 11 at the Mangala Mantapa in the NMKRV College campus. The two-day festival aims to celebrate Kannada pride while inspiring younger generations to connect more deeply with the language through art, dialogue and performance. Running from 10.30 am to 9 pm on both days, the event is designed as an inclusive celebration of Kannada nadu and nudi. Entry is free.

Day one line-up

Saturday's programme opens with 'Tago Kannada', an interactive session that revisits rare and distinctive Kannada words. This is followed by a fast-paced quiz hosted by 'That Anta Heli' fame Dr Na Someshwara, where participants can win books. Cinema takes centre stage in the afternoon with the 'Kshana Madhura' short film festival. The evening continues with a dance presentation by Prabhat Arts and concludes with Amara Madhura Gaana, a talk-and-song jugalbandi.

Tradition to thought

Sunday begins with the Yakshagana performance Sindhoora Sangrama by Alva's Dheenkit Yakshagana Study Centre. This is followed by 'Nade Kannada Nudi Kannada', a panel discussion on the present-day journey of the Kannada language.

Literature focus

The afternoon features the prize distribution for the Ugadi short story competition and the release of the selected anthology Check Mate. Theatre follows with 'Nanna Tejasvi', a stage play based on personal anecdotes about writer Purnachandra Tejasvi.

Musical finale

Music rounds off the festival with 'Dasavani Vaibhava', followed by 'Hadigondu Haadu', featuring Sa Re Ga Ma Pa fame Shivani Das and Supreeth Phalguna. The curtain comes down with Dhwani Mela, a high-energy percussion ensemble by the Beat Guru troupe. **— Prakash VL**

ChatGPT helps 77-year-old realise he had been conned

A 77-year-old man has approached the Cyber Crime Police after allegedly being cheated of ₹67.1 lakh by unidentified persons who posed as investment advisors and lured him with promises of high returns through pre-IPO stock market investments. He found out it was a fraud after checking about the firm using ChatGPT.

According to the complaint, the victim, Venkatesh Narsipur, was contacted on November 25, by a man identifying himself as Yatin Shah, who claimed to be an advisor with IIFL Wealth Management. The caller allegedly offered assistance in securing sizeable pre-IPO allotments and convinced the complainant to sign an account agreement.

Acting on the instructions given, he transferred ₹5 lakh on December 16 via RTGS from his bank to a company account of Nexify Commerce Private Ltd in Bhubaneswar. He was later told that shares had been allotted and shown notional profits, with funds allegedly parked in a "wallet".

Subsequently, he invested Rs 23.1 lakh, and was informed that an excessive number of shares had been allotted. When he said he was unable to arrange funds for the excess allotment, the accused allegedly proposed a loan of ₹36.79 lakh at an interest rate of 13%, stipulating that an upfront payment of ₹42 lakh be made. The complainant transferred ₹26.85 lakh on December 26 and in December 29, he remitted another ₹12.15 lakh.

The accused subsequently claimed that the loan amount had been adjusted and that all investment formalities were complete. The complainant was informed that the shares were under a lock-in period until January 1, 2026, after which he was advised to sell the entire holding at ₹125 per share, once again projecting profits close to ₹2 crore.

However, when the complainant sought the return of ₹40 lakh and offered to clear the purported loan, the accused allegedly declined, stating that no withdrawal would be allowed unless the loan was repaid through additional fresh payments. Suspicious, the victim conducted online checks through Chatgpt and found similar fraud complaints linked to the same entities. Realising that he may have been cheated, he approached the Cyber Crime Police. **–BMB**

Transgender woman alleges torture, assault over loan

A 22-year-old transgender person was allegedly kidnapped, assaulted and humiliated by a group of fellow transgender individuals for refusing to repay money they claimed to have spent on her gender-affirming surgery. The Srirampura police have registered a case against eight people. According to police, the victim, Jaromia, underwent gender-affirming surgery in November last year and had taken a loan of ₹1.5 lakh to perform rituals required to join the transgender community. Soon after the surgery, the accused allegedly began pressuring her to beg and repay the amount through daily installments.

In her complaint, Jaromia said that despite seeking time to recover from the surgery, she was allegedly subjected to torture from the second day and pressured to arrange ₹10,000 every day. She fled and took shelter at a friend's residence.

Police said that on Saturday, the accused allegedly called her near NIMHANS under the guise of signing loan-related documents. When she arrived, she was allegedly forced into an autorickshaw, taken to a house near Kudlu Gate, and brutally assaulted. The attackers allegedly kicked her on her private parts, forcibly shaved her head, and confined her in a room. She managed to escape while the accused were asleep and was later admitted to a hospital. The victim also alleged that a 10-gram gold chain was stolen during the assault. **–BMB**

Drug crackdown yields massive NCB success

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) reported significant operational successes against drug trafficking networks across India in 2025, reflecting improved enforcement and stronger public participation. During the year, the agency seized 1,33,965 kg of narcotic drugs valued at about ₹1,980 crore. To curb circulation of illicit substances, the NCB also destroyed more than 77,000 kg of narcotics worth an estimated ₹3,889 crore. Focusing on organised drug syndicates, the NCB registered 447 cases and arrested 994 traffickers, including 25 foreign nationals. Convictions were secured for 265 offenders, 9 of them foreigners, pushing the conviction rate to nearly 67% in 2025, up from 60.8% in 2024. Officials said the improvement reflects strengthened investigation and prosecution. On the international front, the bureau issued 37 Interpol notices against fugitive drug traffickers and facilitated the deportation of five fugitives to India. Public engagement also rose sharply, with the Anti-Narcotics Helpline 'MANAS' receiving 1.19 lakh citizen interactions, indicating increased awareness and cooperation in the fight against drug abuse. **–BMB**

Five-year-old dies, mother critical in suicide attempt

A family dispute turned tragic on the night of January 5, when a five-year-old girl died and her mother was left critically injured following an alleged suicide attempt near Hennur. According to police, the incident involved Nirutha (26), a domestic helper, and her husband Kishan, a security guard. The couple reportedly had frequent quarrels, triggered by Kishan's suspicion that Nirutha was involved in an illicit relationship. Kishan had gone to work in the morning and returned home later to find his wife and daughter, Kritika, hanging inside the house. Police said preliminary findings suggest the incident occurred between 9.45 pm and 10 pm. Kritika was declared dead on arrival at a private hospital, while Nirutha was rushed for emergency treatment and remains in critical condition. Hennur police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. **–BMB**

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B'luru pushes ward-level composting drive

In a major push towards decentralised waste management, composting units will soon be set up in all 369 wards across five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority. Karnataka Compost Development Corporation Chairman A N Nataraj Gowda said the initiative aims to process wet waste at source and reduce dependence on large scale waste transport and dumping.

He stressed that citizen participation through segregation of wet and dry waste is essential for success. The proposed composting units re-

quire minimal space and can be installed within existing ward level premises. To further ease pressure on civic agencies, waste processing units are also planned in large commercial establishments and apartment complexes. The government is considering making composting units mandatory, similar to rainwater harvesting norms.

Currently, around 1,100 tonnes of wet waste reaches KCDC facilities every day, producing nearly 100 tonnes of compost. Once the proposed zero waste city plan receives approval, Bengaluru is expected to convert nearly 1,500 tonnes of wet waste into manure daily. Composting units will also be set up in major parks, where leaf litter and green waste will be processed for gardening needs, with surplus compost sold. Gowda said KCDC recently sold compost to farmers statewide at subsidy. — BMB

City steps up to end unholy abandonment of holy frames

Dedicated mesh boxes provide ethical alternative for unwanted religious articles, ensuring proper recycling, cultural sensitivity, cleaner public spaces through temples

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The movement to recycle holy frames is steadily gaining momentum in Bengaluru, with the objective of preventing the unholy abandonment of religious articles in vacant spaces across the city. Environmentalists and social activists have been leading recycling drives at various locations to ensure discarded holy frames and religious materials are handled with dignity. The latest initiative in this direction is the installation of a mesh box at Sri Vinayaka Venkateswara Temple in Health Layout, providing a designated space for devotees to leave unwanted religious articles respectfully.

"I have come across people abandoning religious articles at parks and on pavements. It is sad to see religious articles, including photo frames of gods and goddesses, discarded on the streets. We decided to make a provision to store such articles within our temple premises. A mesh box has been installed and devotees have been advised to place religious articles in it. Once the mesh box is full, we will organise a function to bid a dignified farewell," said A Puttaswamy, Secretary of Sri Vinayaka Venkateshwara Temple.

He added that a fabricator has agreed to supply mesh boxes at a nominal cost. "Installing a mesh box provides an exclusive space for keeping religious articles. Temple managements can contact us or the fabricator if they wish to install similar boxes on their premises," he said.

Environmental activist Shobha Bhat, who took the initiative, said the installation of the mesh box would greatly help people looking for a proper place to leave unwanted religious articles. "I have organised recycling of holy frames at temples earlier. On specific days, people

brought religious articles to temples, where photo frames of gods and goddesses were disposed of with dignity," she said.

Appreciating the initiative, Sowmya Raghavan, Director of Community Services, Rotary RT Nagar, said the organisation had arranged Udhvasana Pooja two years ago. "We have organised two such events in Chennai and are planning one in Hyderabad. The 19th Udhvasana is scheduled to be held at Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple, Banashankari 3rd Stage, on January 11," she said.

Bangalore Mirror has consistently highlighted similar initiatives through its coverage. On January 8, 2024, the paper published a story titled Holy frames, unholy abandonment: Recycling 150 frames, narrating how volunteers from the Solid Waste Management Round Table, HSR Citizens Forum, and Ploggers Army segregated more than 150 photo frames of gods and goddesses at the HSR Swachagraha Kalika Kendra. Another story, Tidying up with faith, published on March 7, 2024, described a drive conducted by RT Nagar Rotary Club and Sri Kamakshi Aarsha Samskriti Trust in Sahakaranagar. Around 60 residents gathered at Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple to dispose of hundreds of photo frames, broken idols, and old calendars in a respectful manner.

More recently, I Change Indiranagar, in collaboration with Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited, organised a drive titled Sacred relics find a new home on October 14, 2025. Around 150 tonnes of sacred relics were collected from more than 100 households, reinforcing the growing awareness and collective responsibility towards dignified disposal of religious articles.

Above: A mesh box is installed at Vinayaka Venkateswara Temple, Health Layout; Left Religious articles dumped near a tree on Papareddy Palya Main Road near Health Layout, Nagarabhavi

Digital enforcement to boost road safety

Digital challans generated through artificial intelligence will soon become the backbone of traffic enforcement on 60 accident-prone roads across Karnataka, as the Transport Department tightens road safety measures beyond Bengaluru. The department is rolling out an AI-based smart enforcement system on high-risk stretches identified by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

AI-enabled cameras installed along these roads will automatically capture photographs and videos of traffic violations and transmit them to a central control room. Based on recorded evidence, digital challans will

be generated without human intervention and sent directly to vehicle owners through registered mobile numbers or email IDs, along with photographic and video proof.

Offenders will be able to pay fines online, making enforcement quicker and transparent. The Transport Department has initiated the tender process for installing the system. Officials said AI cameras and digital challan mechanisms will be operational within six months of tender finalisation, aiming to reduce accidents and improve compliance with traffic rules statewide. — BMB

AI surveillance for milk supply planned by KMF

In ann a move to strengthen monitoring and improve efficiency, the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will introduce AI-based camera surveillance across milk packing and supply chain operations. The system will enable real-time tracking of milk crates and packets, bringing greater transparency to handling and dispatch at federation units and improving accountability. KMF has floated tenders to install AI-enabled cameras, with the first phase covering three units under the Bengaluru Milk Union Limited. Officials said eight cameras will be installed at the main Bengaluru facility, while two each will be set up at the National Milk Packing Centre in Kanakapura and the Hoskote unit. The live video analytics platform will continuously monitor operations there. — BMB

B'luru emerges trouble spot in voter revision

The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls has begun in Karnataka, but early data reveals major mismatches in voter records, particularly in Bengaluru. Of the state's 5.57 crore voters, details of only 3.05 crore have been matched so far, leaving 2.51 crore records unmatched. The Election Commission of India has launched the exercise across several states, with Karnataka comparing voter lists from 2002 and 2025 as part of the process. Sources said the revision is nearing completion statewide, but the capital has emerged as a major concern. Bengaluru has around 1.03 crore registered voters, yet 85.14 lakh records remain unmatched, with only 17.86 lakh voter details verified till date. Accuracy expected after verification. — BMB

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Urban benchmark

KSR Station

Pleasantly surprised to see South Western Railway using mechanised sweepers to keep KSR Bengaluru City Station approach roads spotless; if GBA adopts the same practice citywide, Bengaluru could truly match Singapore.

Prompt repair

Appareddypalya

The sewage leak from a manhole at the junction of 6th Main and 13th Cross, Appareddypalya, was promptly repaired after the issue was highlighted in these columns.

Waste dumping

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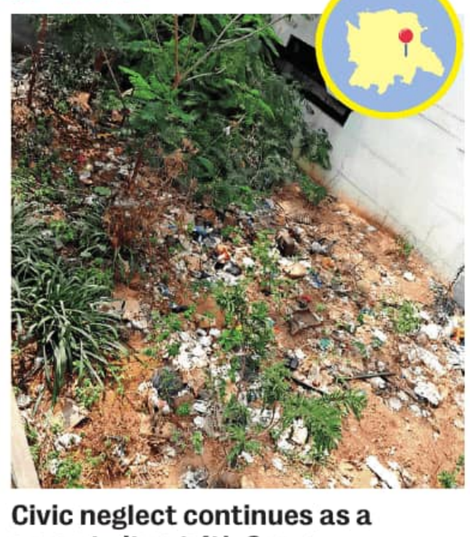

Civic neglect continues as a vacant site at 4th Cross, Arekere Mico Layout, 1st Stage, Bannerghatta Road, has turned into a waste dumping yard, with no action from the owner, prompting calls for immediate BBMP intervention.

Six-year-old found dead hours after abduction

A six-year-old girl who was allegedly kidnapped from Pattandur Agrahara in Whitefield, was found dead late on Tuesday night at a migrant colony.

According to police, the child went missing on January 5, following which her family approached the Whitefield Police Station and registered a kidnapping complaint. Preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect was a neighbour identified as Yusuf Meer and both the victim's family and the suspect's family are natives of West Bengal, working as labourers in the Nallurihalli area.

The girl's body was found inside a dry canal along Temple Road in Nallurihalli, with a plastic rope tied to the neck.

The body was shifted to Vydehi Hospital for postmortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death. Efforts are on to trace the suspect and further investigation is underway. **–BMB**

CRIME FILES

Man falls to death from apartment on 16th floor

A 26-year-old man, reportedly suffering from mental health issues, died after falling from the 16th floor of an apartment complex in Bagalagunte on Wednesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Nikshep Bangera.

On Wednesday morning, Nikshep reportedly told his mother that he was heading to Sri Ranganatha Gowda Math at Hesaraghatta. However, around 8.30 am, the President of the Princeton Apartment Association, Ravi, contacted the family and asked them to come to the ground floor. Upon reaching the spot, the family found Nikshep's body, having fallen from the 16th floor.

The apartment's security guard alerted the police. Later, Nikshep's father filed a complaint at the police station, stating that his son had died after falling from the building and there was no suspicion of foul play. Further investigation is underway. **–BMB**

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Siddaramaiah's tenure stands out in land of volatility at top

Cumulative chief ministerial tenures show how rare political continuity is in K'taka compared with other states where CMs enjoy longer stints

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's long tenure has highlighted the volatility of Karnataka's political landscape, where successive CMs have often had short stints, in contrast to states like West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha, where leaders such as Jyoti Basu, N Chandrababu Naidu, M Karunanidhi, and Naveen Patnaik enjoyed multi-term leadership that allowed for sustained policy continuity. Siddaramaiah's cumulative time in office, especially across two terms, underscores both the rarity of political stability in Karnataka and the challenges successive governments have faced in completing full-term agendas.

An analysis of the cumulative tenures of Karnataka's chief ministers reveals sharp contrasts in political longevity. Siddaramaiah currently tops the list with 2,795 days in office, narrowly ahead of D Devaraj Urs, who served for 2,792 days, and S Nijalingappa, who completed 2,735 days. These figures place Siddaramaiah among a small group of leaders who have managed to exert long-term influence on the state's governance despite frequent political upheavals.

Ramakrishna Hegde's combined tenure of 2,036 days and B S Yediyurappa's 1,906 days position followed by S M Krishna, who served 1,691 days, K Chengalaraya Reddy with 1,617 days, and Kengal Hanumanthaiah with 1,603 days, representing an earlier phase when administrations were relatively more stable and policy agendas were carried forward with fewer interruptions.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being offered cake by state Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar during the inauguration and foundation stone laying ceremony of various development initiatives, in Haveri, on Wednesday

A cluster of leaders falls in the mid-range of tenure lengths. Veerendra Patil served for 1,330 days, J H Patel for 1,224 days, and R Gundurao for 1,090 days. H D Kumaraswamy's cumulative tenure of 1,041 days and S Bangarappa's 764 days underline the difficulties associated with coalition governments and shifting political alliances, which often prevented administrations from completing full terms.

Veerendra Patil served for 1,330 days, JH Patel for 1,224 days, and R Gundurao for 1,090 days; HD Kumaraswamy's cumulative tenure of 1,041 days and S Bangarappa's 764 days point to difficulties associated with coalition govts and shifting political alliances

At the lower end of the spectrum, several chief ministers held office for less than a year. Veerappa Moily served for 752 days, Basavaraj Bommai for 662 days, Dharmasinh for 615 days, and H D Deve Gowda for 537 days. Even shorter stints were seen under D V Sadananda Gowda (341 days), Jagadish Shettar (304 days), S R Bommai (251 days), S R Kanthi (98 days), and Kadidal Manjappa (73 days), reflecting repeated episodes of political churn.

Political observers note that these numbers collectively portray a state where leadership stability has been the exception rather than the norm. While a handful of chief ministers managed extended tenures with lasting impact, many others were forced to navigate coalition pressures, resignations, or mid-term changes. Against this backdrop, Siddaramaiah's cumulative tenure stands out not merely for its duration, but as a window into Karnataka's enduring struggle between stability and volatility in governance.

5 lakh mirchi bajjis, Koppal Jatra feasts

What is usually a modest prasada became a jaw-dropping culinary spectacle at the Gavisiddeshwara Jatra in Koppal, where scale and collective effort defined the celebration. As part of the 'mahadasoha', an astonishing five lakh mirchi bajjis were fried, packed and served, with queues of devotees stretching across the jatra grounds throughout the day. From the early hours of dawn, volunteers worked nonstop, using nearly 25 quintals of green chillies along with vast quantities of oil, spices and firewood. People from almost 25 surrounding villages came together, transforming the humble North Karnataka mirchi bajji into the symbolic centrepiece of one of the largest food offerings witnessed in recent times.

The numbers did not end there. Alongside the half-million mirchi bajjis, the prasada included Mysore pak, madali, rotti, palya, saaru, chutney and pickles, turning the offering into a full-fledged community feast. On the first day alone, around 120 quintals of rice were cooked, while close to five lakh pieces of Mysore pak were distributed, underscoring the remarkable organisation, devotion and scale behind the Gavishiddeshwara 'mahadasoha'.

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SAINTS 2026 unites global science minds

SAINTS 2026, a prestigious three-day international conference on science and technology, is being hosted at the Central Campus of CHRIST (Deemed to be University) from January 7 to 9. Titled Scientific Advances in Natural and Technological Sciences, the conference brings together over 70 invited speakers from more than 20 countries, alongside leading Indian researchers from institutions such as IISc Bengaluru, NIT Tiruchirappalli, and CSIR-CECRI.

The inauguration was attended by eminent academic leaders, with Vice Chancellor Dr Fr Jose CC delivering the presidential address, highlighting the importance of interdisciplinary research in addressing global sustainability challenges. The conference focuses on themes including climate change, renewable energy, emerging materials, biosciences, smart infrastructure, digital technologies, cybersecurity, data science, and mathematical modelling. Keynote addresses and expert sessions aim to foster collaboration across disciplines, balancing technological progress with environmental and social responsibility. The event underscores CHRIST University's continued commitment to academic excellence, global engagement, and innovation-driven research.

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Waiting for ward meetings to begin

corporations, ward delimitation activities and even recent citizen census -- but ward committee meetings have not restarted.

After the council's term ended in 2020, elections were postponed multiple times. In 2022, nodal officers were appointed to conduct public grievance meetings or ward grievance meetings in the absence of elected councillors . While meetings did resume intermittently, they were frequently stopped and restarted only after sustained pressure from citizens.

Towards the end of 2024, authorities announced that public grievance meetings would be held every Wednesday. However, this arrangement also collapsed by May 2025. Later, in September, the GBA came into existence, but ward committee meetings were not restored even after this transition.

"Earlier, weekly ward meetings were attended by nodal officers, engineers, health, revenue, BWSSB, BESCOM, and police officials, among others, enabling direct coordination and resolution of local issues. With continued uncertainty around council elections, ward meetings remain the only structured forum for citizens to meet officials, raise concerns, and demand accountability. Regular interactions created responsibility and follow-through, which is now entirely missing, severely weakening civic governance," Anirudhan said.

Jairaj Mandayam, convenor, Bengaluru Ward Samiti Balaga, also said that ward committee meetings have completely stopped. "Ward committees are meant to be headed by corporators, but with no council elections held since years there is a major vacuum in local governance. In 2019, we worked closely with officials to ensure meetings were initiated, grievances were recorded, and issues were pushed to nodal officers for resolution. Today, with the formation of the GBA, we are still struggling with the meetings to start," he said.

Civic activists and citizens are waiting for corporators to take over again."The return of corporators would significantly strengthen city governance. Ward committees represent a decentralised form of administration, and when they function properly, they are one of the most effective grassroots governance mechanisms," said Mandayam. Anirudhan stressed that ward meetings must be urgently restored and strengthened. "Each ward should have a dedicated page on the GBA website with dashboards tracking budgets, sanctioned and ongoing projects, and published meeting minutes. Meetings should be held on Sundays for better public participation, be non-cancellable, given top priority, and chaired in rotation by senior IAS/KAS officials to ensure accountability," he said. Under the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, there are significant changes to ward committees and they will be effective only after council elections .

According to civic expert Srinivas Alavilli, the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act will bring major changes to Ward Committees. "Earlier, all 10 members of a ward committee were nominated by the councillor, leaving little room for active citizens to participate. Under the new system, ward committees will have 14 members, of whom seven will be selected through a lottery. Any registered voter of the ward can apply to be part of this process," he explained.

He added that with the number of wards set to increase sharply, the total strength of ward committees across the city will also rise substantially potentially to around 5,000–7,000 members giving many more citizens a direct voice in local governance.

Raghavendra Poojari from BPAC said the real solution to Bengaluru's problems lies in holding elections. With the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act placing renewed emphasis on ward committees, he noted that these bodies are expected to play a crucial role in local governance.

He explained that the introduction of a lottery system for selecting Ward Committee Members (WCMs) is one aspect of the reform, but more importantly, ward committees are meant to act as a bridge between citizens and elected representatives, strengthening grassroots democracy and civic participation.

STRAY DOG CASE: DEBATE OVER ABC LAWS, RWAS, RESPONSIBILITY

Ongoing hearings highlight confusion over whether dogs on campuses qualify as street animals under existing sterilisation and vaccination frameworks

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After months of anticipation, animal welfare and public health activists reacted strongly to the Supreme Court hearing on Tuesday on the stray dog issue. The court continued hearing a batch of petitions in the suo motu case "City hounded by strays, kids pay the price."

According to the activists, the bench, comprising Justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and NV Anjaria, insisted that the ABC rules of CSVR should not apply to institutions, as dogs within these premises are not street dogs. Capture-Sterilise-Vaccinate-Release (CSVR) is a globally accepted scientific model and national protocol for managing and controlling stray dog populations and preventing rabies.

Sathwik Putta, a lawyer with South Bengaluru Cares, questioned the logic of the observation, noting the absence of data linking rabies deaths or higher bite incidents to dogs inside institutions. He also flagged the contradiction in holding municipalities responsible for catching and relocating such dogs at public expense if they are not classified as street animals.

The hearing also raised issues with RWAs, as the activists noted that one of the parties representing victims of dog bites argued that in gated communities or apartments, residents pay for every inch of the premises and therefore have the right to decide how to manage the dogs.

"This is a dangerous predicament," said Manjari Chaitanya, founder trustee of South Bengaluru Cares. "Gated communities and apartments, as well as their RWAs, are not immune or exempt from applicable law, including the ABC Rules 2023 and other relevant animal legislation. These laws apply to them as they do to any other citizen. Resident welfare associations are quasi-legislative bodies; they do not have the power to contravene the law, and for good reason."

Arun Prasad A, Karnataka State General Secretary of the BSP, said binding provisions of the ABC Rules 2023 cannot be ignored, even under the Supreme Court's extraordinary powers, unless declared unconstitutional.

Aniruddha Ravindra, founder trustee of Praana Foundation, said the hearing focused on feasibility, humane implementation and scientific evidence rather than emotion. He expressed hope that the court's final order would reflect clarity, accountability and sustainable solutions.

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CRIME FILES

School trust funds siphoned

An FIR has been registered with the CCB in connection with alleged large-scale financial irregularities and the misappropriation of nearly ₹4 crore at the Kamala Muniyappa Educational Trust, which has been running an educational institution since 2010. Five persons, including the chief accountant of a private school, have been named as accused in the case.

The trust manages Edify School, and the case was registered based on a complaint filed by Ashoka KM, police said. According to the complaint, the accused were entrusted with maintaining proper financial accounts and ensuring regular audits of the trust. However, it is alleged that these responsibilities were neglected, and that the trust's financial affairs were handled arbitrarily by its office-bearers. It is claimed that false records were created, account books were manipulated, and trust funds were diverted for personal use.

Meanwhile, a case was registered at the Sarjapur police station on Tuesday against a school for allegedly operating without a valid licence and cheating parents. The complaint pertains to Euro School, Gunjur–Mugaluru Road, Valsadali, Thippasandra, where parents have alleged they were induced to pay admission fees despite the school lacking mandatory approvals.

According to the complainant, a parent seeking admission for her child to Grade 2 (CBSE), she initially paid ₹1,000 as an application fee and visited the campus. She alleged that during the admission process, the school counsellor and principal, Arunika Savasi, assured her that the school had already obtained all the required official permissions and approvals. She paid ₹25,000 online based on the assurance, but the school never provided proof of approvals. She later found that other parents were allegedly cheated in the same way.

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Iphone extortion racket busted

Mahadevapura police have arrested two out-of-state men for allegedly receiving and trading in stolen and extorted mobile phones. A total of 28 iPhones, a car, and ₹6.47 lakh in cash—valued at ₹14.25 lakh—were seized.

The case came to light on August 1, 2025, when a resident of a paying guest accommodation in Electronic City reported his iPhone snatched on Graphite India Road. Police registered a case of mobile extortion and began investigations, gathering information from informants. On December 2, a suspect in CVK Nagar, Tamil Nadu, was found with three phones and confessed to handling several stolen devices, including the complainant's phone. He was remanded to seven days' police custody. On December 4, another accused was arrested near Mahadevapura Bridge, recovering one phone, a car, cash, and 24 more iPhones from his Chennai office. Both are now in judicial custody.

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Actor alleges domestic abuse

Kannada actor Dhanush Raj, known for his work in films and television serials, has approached the Girinagar Police Station alleging physical assault, harassment and threats to his life by his wife, Arshita.

In his complaint, the actor stated that his wife had travelled abroad without properly informing him and had lied about her whereabouts. When he confronted her about the trip, she allegedly assaulted him and threatened him with serious harm, including sending goons to beat him up or even kill him.

The FIR also mentions that Arshita allegedly injured herself by deliberately hitting her hand against a bathroom glass panel and threatened to commit suicide, falsely implicating Dhanush Raj in the incident.

The actor, citing repeated harassment and threats, sought police protection. Two complaints have been filed—one in December at a women's police station and a counter-complaint on January 2 at Girinagar Police Station. Police are investigating, with details to follow.

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Finding donors like needle in haystack

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donate due to health issues, and many male donors are also ineligible. This leaves hospitals constantly scrambling to contact known donors, sometimes causing delays of several days. In fact, the shortage is so acute that a woman with Bombay Blood group in urgent need of surgery had to wait while donors were traced from multiple districts.

Systemic gaps

The Bombay blood group was first identified in Bombay in 1952, yet neither central nor state authorities have conducted comprehensive surveys to register carriers. As a result, emergency transfusions remain logistically complex, placing both patients and medical staff under extreme stress. Due to high demand some of the donors like B Umesh who is originally from Gangavathi (Koppal district) recount multiple donations across Shivamogga, Davanagere, Hubballi, Dharwad, and Raichur.

K Krishnamurthy, a physician, said, "There is an urgent need for a government-mandated registry of 'Bombay blood carriers, integrated with national health surveys, to ensure rapid response in critical cases. Until such measures are implemented, the scarcity of this ultra-rare blood group will continue to challenge Bengaluru hospitals and threaten lives."

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I, Pradeep Kumar S/o Sadashiva Kotian R/o No 913, 9th Floor, Mahaveer Desire Apartment Chikkasandra, Chikkabanavara, Bengaluru-560090. Have Changed My Name To Pradeep Sadashiva Kotian For All Purposes

I, Samrita Duleigh, W/o. Neeraj Kapoor, R/o. FN004, Apurva Elite Apts, Radha Reddy Layout, Sarjapura Road, Carmelaram, Bangalore 560035. After Marriage I changed my name as "Samrita Kapoor" in all documents for all purposes wide Affidavit No. IN-KA40850601142453Y.

I, ASHA alias ASHA VALLAT alias ASHA VADAKKEPATT alias ASHA V, W/o Pradeep Vallat, R/o E004, Plumeria, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Outer Ring Road, Devarabisanahalli Bellandur, Bengaluru – 560103 have changed my name as ASHA PRADEEP VALLAT vide affidavit dated 05.01.2026 sworn before notary Nijagunaradhya T. C, Bengaluru.

I, SWETA JANNU, W/o. Shailendra M Vernekar, Resident of No. 12, 3rd Cross, Halumarthanna Road, Doddabidarakallu, Suvarna Nagara, Bengaluru North, Nagasandra, Bengaluru - 560073, Karnataka, have changed my name to SAHANA VERNEKAR, vide affidavit dated: 07.01.2026 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N, Bengaluru.

I, SHAILASHREE, W/o Sandeep Upadhya Heroor Krishnamurthy, R/o No.1726, 18th Main Road, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru – 560078, have changed my name as SHAILASHREE UPADHYA, vide affidavit dated 05.01.2026, sworn before notary Nijagunaradhya T. C, Bengaluru.

I, Radha Navinchandra Tapiawala W/O, Abhinav Krishna R/o B-902, Alembic Urban Forest, Ab Vajpayee Road, Off Channasandra Main Road, Kadugodi post, Bengaluru-560067 have changed my name to Radha Tapiawala for all future purposes.

I, Noorjahan W/O Noorulla # 22 4th main Road Kausar Nagar blr-32 have changed my name to Noor Jahan for all purposes.

I, KUTUB HABIB, Residing at Flat No 303, Zehra Padmavati Residency, No 45, Bohra Layout, Jyothi Nagar, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560083, Have changed my name to KUTUB ABBASBHAI HABIB vide affidavit dated 07/01/2026 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

I, ZEHRA HABIB, Residing at Flat No 303, Zehra Padmavati Residency, No 45, Bohra Layout, Jyothi Nagar, Gottigere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560083, Have changed my name to ZEHRA K HABIB vide affidavit dated 07/01/2026 sworn before Notary Aravind Patil G.G Bangalore

I, GURUPRASAD SIDDAMSETTY residing at Flat – 101, Karishma Crystal, BEML Layout, RR Nagar, 5th Stage, Bengaluru-560098. I have changed my name to GURUPRASAD J. Vide affidavit dated 07/01/2026 sworn before notary. T V Bhadravijaya Bengaluru

I, SHIJI ZACHARIAH THOMAS, S/o Thomas Zachariah, R/o A 302. N R Windgates Agrahara, Chokkanahalli Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560064, have changed my name as SHIJI THOMAS, vide affidavit dated 05.01.2026, sworn before notary Nijagunaradhya T C, Bengaluru.

I, Ramachandra Manjunath Hegde S/o Manjunath Hegde R/o #47, Maruthi Township, Gubbi Mn Rd, Bilishivale, Hanumanth Nagar, Doddagubbi, B'lore 77 changed name as Ramachandra Manjunath Hegde by replacing Ramachandra Hegde in all records for all purposes declared before Notary.

I, DEVESH WADWANI R/o 4th Floor, Flat no 301, No 76/A, 4th Block, 8th Cross,Doddabo - mmasandra, Bangalore - 560097 have changed my name to DEVESH PRAKASH WADWANI for all purposes.

I, Salman Mohammad Shariff S/O, Rahmat Ullah Shariff R/o 28, 1st Main Road, N.r.colony, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560019 have changed my name to Salman Shariff for all purposes.

I Seema Sunil W/O Sunil Govind R/o No. C1-401, Shriram Shreyas Apartment, Near Kodigehalli Gate, Telecom Colony, Kodigehalli, Vidyaranyapura PO, Bengaluru-560097 have changed my name to Seema Sunil Vayal Veettil.

I, ANITA ANANTAPUR, R/at No.1215, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Near Ganesha Temple, HAL 3rd Stage. New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075, have changed my name to ANITA SATISH PATIL vide affidavit dt:07/01/2026 before Notary K.V. Mani Bengaluru

I, VASANTHAKUMAR R/at No. 26/3 3RD CROSS OLD GUDDADAHALLI, VINAYAKA NAGAR, Bengaluru- 560026, have changed my name to VASANTH KUMAR S vide affidavit dated: 07/01/2026 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore

I, MANVI B SHAH @ MANVI BHARATH SHAH @ MANVI BHARATHKUMAR SHAH, D/o Late. Bharath Shah @ Bharath kumar Ratilal Shah, W/o Abhinav Arora, R.No. No. 4102, 10th Floor, 4th Tower, Prestige West Woods, Gopalapura, Binnipete, Bengaluru-560023. I have changed my name to MANVI SHAH, vide affidavit dated: 07-01-2026 sworn before notary Renuka .C, Bengaluru.

I, Saif Ali Siraj S/o Siraj Ahmed R/o 17 9th cross amc road khushal nagar kg halli Bangalore changed my name as Saif Ali

I, Jithesh Ramesh S/o Ramesh Narayanappa R/o No 130 A,Kripaalu Yellamma Temple Rd, C V Raman Nagar, nagavarapalya, B'luru 560093 have changed my name to Jitesh Ramesh.

I, Geetha Muni Krishnappa W/o Ramesh Narayanappa R/o #130 A,Kripaalu Yellamma Temple Rd,C V Raman Nagar, Nagavarapalya, B'luru 560093 have changed my name to Geetha Ramesh.

I, RAJESH MANJUNATH RAIKAR, residing at 1017/2, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Vinobhanagar, Davangere–577002, have changed my name to RAJESH RAIKAR vide affidavit dtd 06-01-2026 sworn before Notary H.M. Doddagowdar, Davangere.

LOST & FOUND

Sale Deed lost

Original Sale Deed, dtd: 22.08.2007 pertaining to the Khuski Land situated at Tq: Bangalore North, Hesarughatta Hobli, Dibbur Village bearing Survey No.11, Measuring 1 Acre 26 Gunta, was lost inadvertently recently. Complaint has been lodged at Bangalore Rural Police Station on 06.01.2026. If any one found the same please contact: Owner D.S. Jayanna, Dibbur, M:9902449018.

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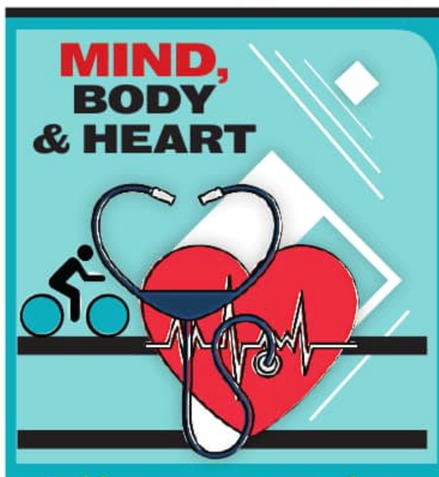


All you need to know about...

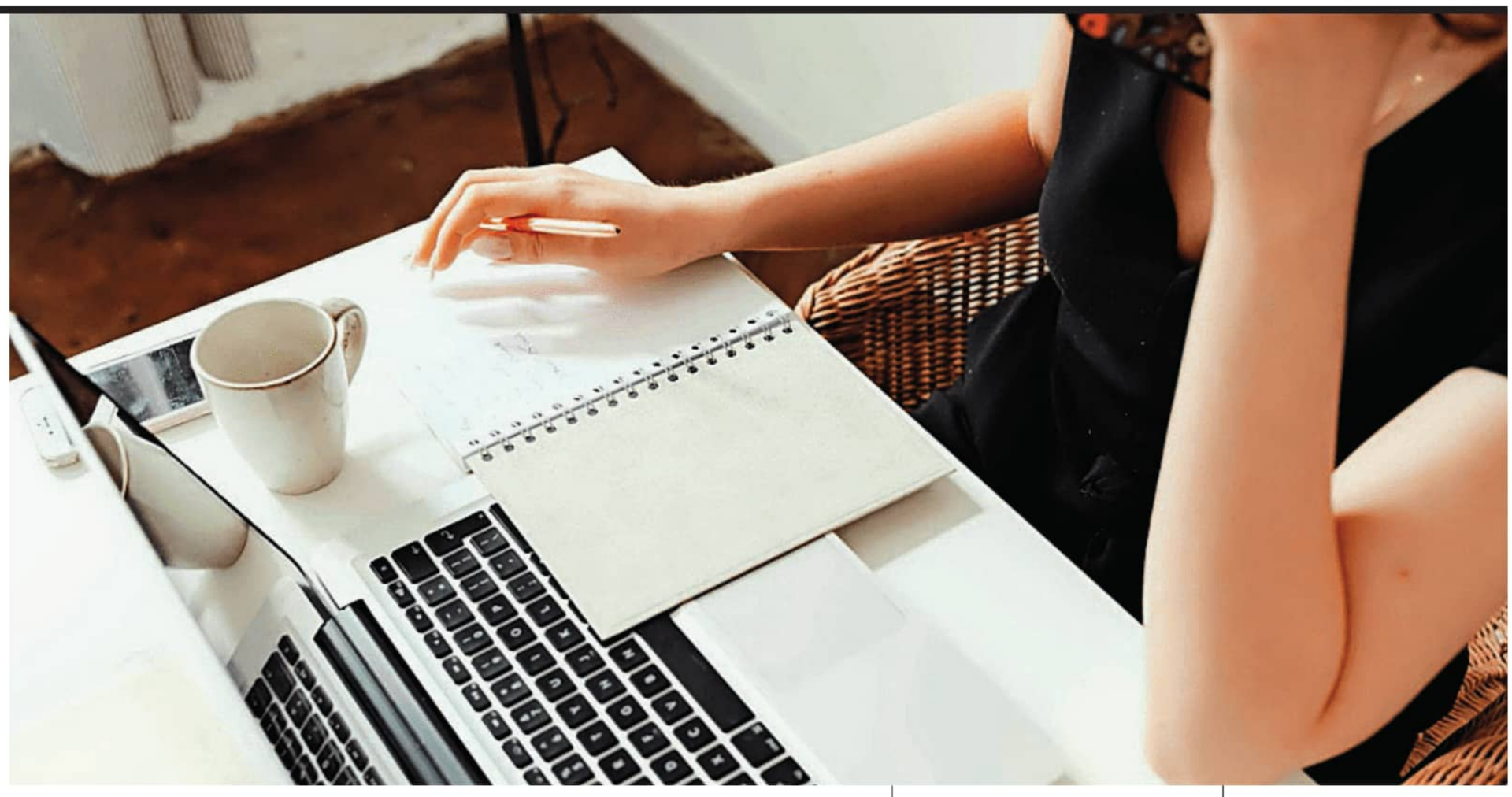
Cooling effect of mint

You've just cleaned your teeth, you're feeling minty fresh and ready to climb into bed. You take a sip of water, but the water is icy cold, and your next breath feels cool and crisp.
What has the toothpaste done to your mouth? And could this be a hack to help you feel cooler when you really need it?

Tricking the brain
Menthol, a natural compound that comes from mint plants, is the ingredient in toothpaste that creates the feeling of cold.
Menthol activates TRPM8 receptors on nerve endings in your mouth, which are the same receptors responsible for sensing cold. So, menthol essentially tricks your brain into sensing cold, in the same way that chilli tricks your brain into sensing heat.
When you have a drink of water or take a breath of air with menthol in your mouth, the menthol spreads all over and more receptors are activated, increasing its effect.

Menthol in products
Companies use this action of menthol to create another dimension to the flavour and feel of their products.
Menthol is added to toothpaste and chewing gum to create a cool refreshing feeling that signals cleanliness, and to cough drops to create the feeling of open airways.
Menthol doesn't physically cause decongestion – it just enhances sensitivity and a sensation of coolness in the airways, which makes it feel like more air is passing through.
Menthol can cool the skin as well through the same receptors. That's why menthol is commonly added to topical creams designed for pain relief.

(By Christopher Stevens, Southern Cross University, The Conversation)



BEYOND DAY ONE

A fresh start feels powerful, until motivation fades, so here's how to set work goals that stick

Every January, offices quietly reset. New planners appear on desks. Fresh notebooks open in meetings. To-do lists look neater, ambitions clearer. There is a shared sense that this year, things will be different.

And yet, by February, many of those planners sit half-used. The motivation that felt so real just weeks earlier fades. This pattern is often blamed on a lack of discipline or willpower. But psychology tells a more generous and useful story.

Fresh starts can help us begin, but they often don't help us persist. Here's why – and what research can tell us about setting work goals that actually stick.

Why fresh starts feel so powerful

The start of a new year acts as what psychologists call a 'temporal landmark' – a moment that separates our 'old' selves from the people we hope to become.

Behavioural science research has found landmarks such as New Year's Day create a 'fresh start effect': people feel more motivated to pursue aspirational goals simply because a new chapter seems to be opening.

Researchers propose the appeal lies not in the new diary or planner itself, but in what it symbolises – a clean slate, untangled from last year's unfinished tasks and perceived failures. A blank page makes it easier to believe progress will be smoother this time.

After the social, cognitive and emotional overload of December – crowded calendars, constant decisions, accumulated fatigue – that promise of a blank page can be deeply comforting.

Writing goals into a new notebook can offer a brief sense that life can be reordered, intentions clarified and control gently restored.

Why motivation fades

The problem is not that fresh starts don't work. It's that we often mistake the emotional lift of beginning something new for motivation that will last.

Self-determination theory, an established theory in motivation research, proposes an explanation for why enthusiasm drains quickly.

It suggests motivation is sustained when goals support three psychological needs: autonomy (feeling the goal is genuinely ours), competence (feeling capable of progress) and relatedness (feeling supported).

January goals often fail this test. They are often shaped by social pressure ("I should be more productive"), vague aspiration ("be better at work"), or unrealistic scope ("I'll overhaul everything at once"). When early effort doesn't translate into visible progress, competence falters and motivation follows.

This helps explain why hesitation creeps in after the first blank page is filled, ambitious planning cycles stall, and abandoned gym memberships mirror workplace initiatives. It isn't poor character; it's that enthusiasm was doing too much of the work.

How to set goals that stick

Sustained follow-through depends on planning for the moment when motivation dips. At work, this means designing goals for psychological endurance, not peak January energy.

Ask not what success looks like when motivation is high, but what progress looks like in a busy, distracted week. Three shifts can help

1. Plan for the dip
Assume motivation will fade and decide in advance what "continuing" looks like.

For example, instead of committing to a full project overhaul, identify the smallest meaningful step that still counts as progress. That could be a quick review, a strategic conversation or noting priorities for the week. Designing for low-energy moments ensures momentum survives early-year dips.

2. Anchor goals in autonomy
Goals aligned with personal values, rather than just external pressure, are often far more resilient – even when they're part of performance reviews or team expectations. Motivation is stronger when you can find your own reason to care.

Ask yourself: how does this goal connect to my growth, sense of purpose or how I want to show up at work?

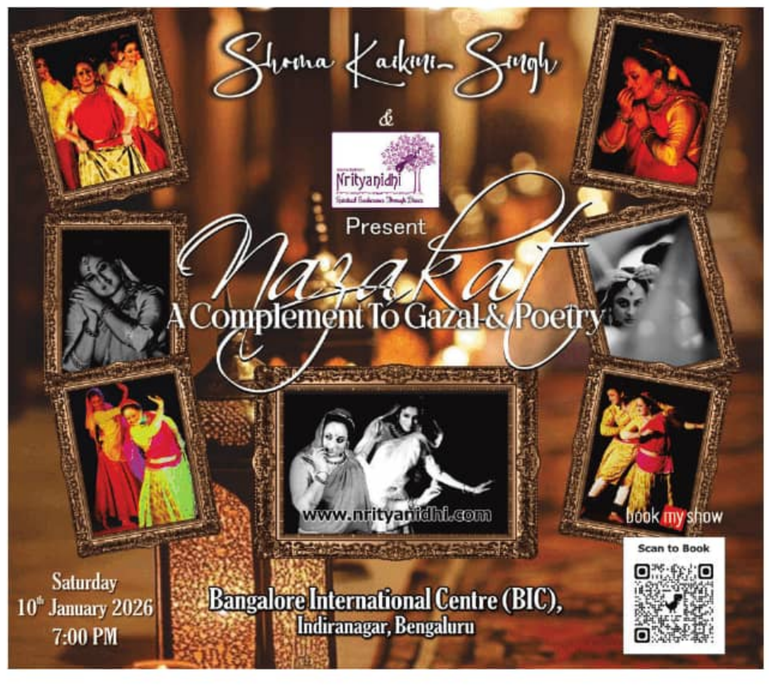
3. Lower the effort required to persist
It helps to break intentions into small, concrete, repeatable actions so progress doesn't depend on high motivation alone. Instead of aiming to be more organised, commit to reviewing your planner for ten minutes every Friday or noting one unfinished task before leaving.

A more realistic approach

The urge to start fresh each January isn't naïve. It reflects a deeply human need for renewal, coherence and hope. Blank pages matter – just not because they magically change behaviour.

Fresh starts can open the door to change. But lasting momentum depends on what we build after the novelty wears off. The real skill isn't setting goals when motivation is high. It's designing goals that survive the weeks when it isn't.

By Gayani Gunasekera, University of Sydney, The Conversation



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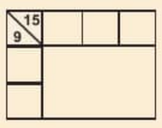
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

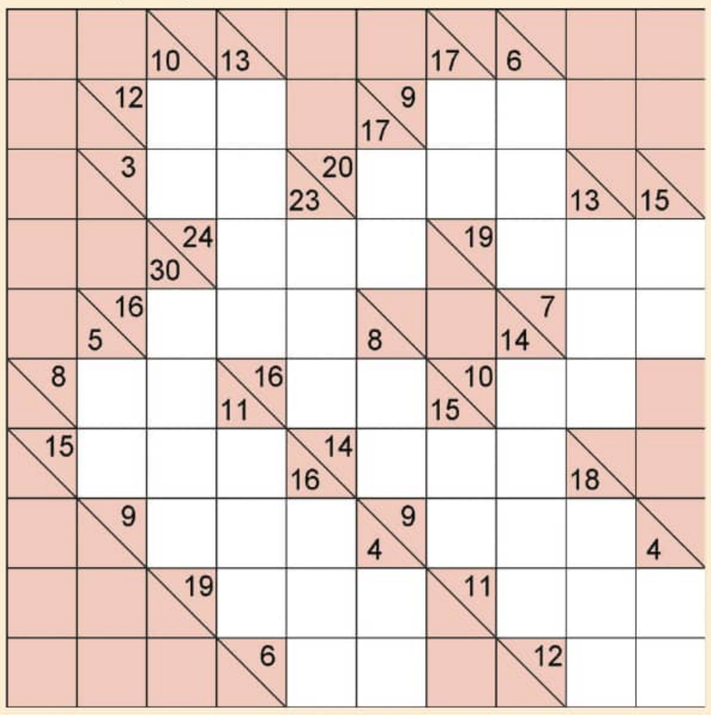
If 10% results 19%
20% results 36%
25% results 43.75%
What will result when input = 30%?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Linemaro

You know what you'd look great in? My arms

Mindchow

We cannot always oblige; but we can always speak obligingly

Joke of the day

The Devil himself had probably re-designed Hell in the light of information he had gained from observing airport layouts

Loop

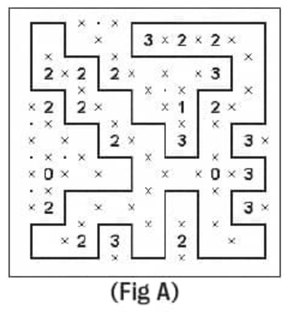
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

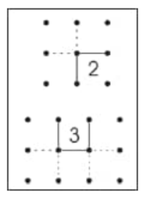
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

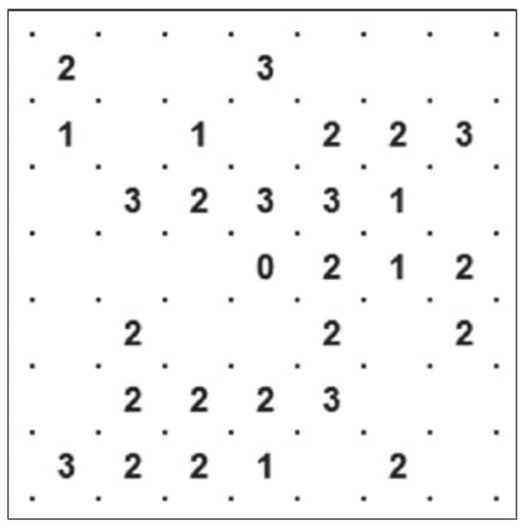
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



SudokuChallenge

2				4				1
5	7	3		8		4	2	6
		9	7	5	8	3		
		1	2	6	9	8		
7	9	8		2		1	5	4
6				7				8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

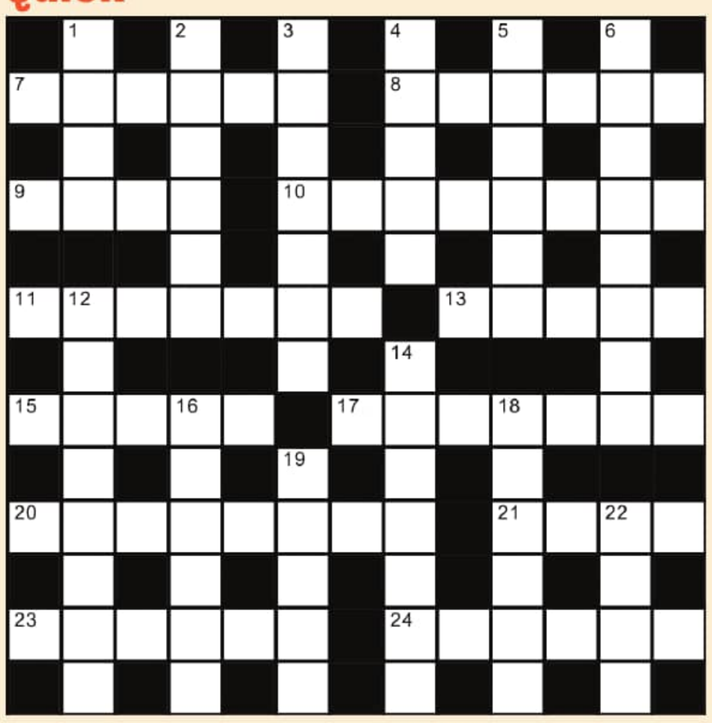
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 7
4 5 7 9

Medium = 19
8 5 4 2

Hard = 29
2 7 8 9

Quick



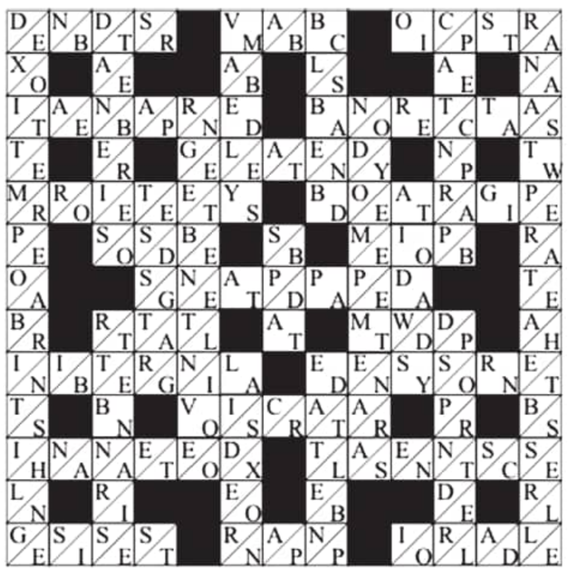
ACROSS

7 Case for holding a sword or a gun (6)
8 Lined up (2,1,3)
9 Petty quarrel (4)
10 Fungal skin disease (8)
11 In the ___ ___ : eventually? (4,3)
13 Not narrow (5)
15 Be aware of (5)
17 Yield; surrender (7)
20 Necessitated, involved unavoidably (8)
21 Bars (4)
23 Light meals (6)
24 Maws (6)

DOWN

1 Potato slab (4)
2 Riff-raff (6)
3 To chirp (7)
4 Indications (5)
5 Karnataka city just south of Goa (6)
6 It may tell you the time but not in minutes? (4,4)
12 Directly between two individuals (3,2,3)
14 Pass sentence on (7)
16 Stiffening agent (6)
18 Withdraw, give up or escape? (3,3)
19 Sheen (5)
22 Bangkok buck? (4)

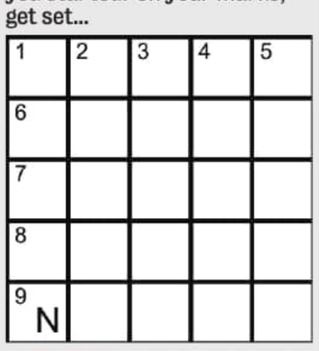
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

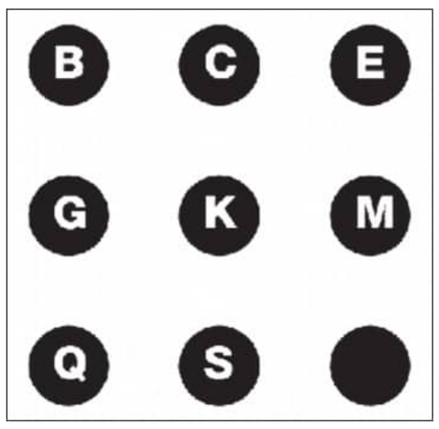
1 Voter; 6 Marie;
7 Titre; 8 Ree ie;
9 Sonde

DOWN

1 Atone; 2 Or vie;
3 Mires; 4 I tree;
5 Deter

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the blank and completes the sequence?



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Drop of water is lower. 2. Stair is wider. 3. Handle is added to lunch box. 4. Hand is showing. 5. Sandwich is longer. 6. Cap is larger.

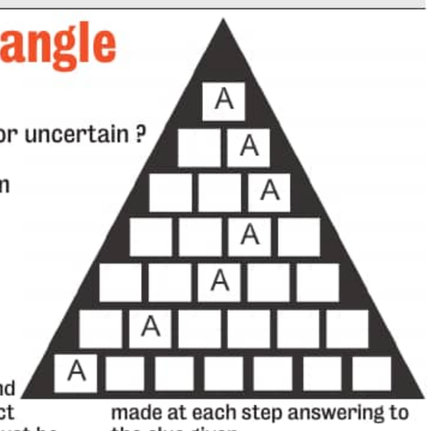
Riddler

Can you determine the professions jobs described below? Each clue is an anagram of the answer. All answers are two words with the first being "a" or "the"

1. Dints teeth
2. He tots income
3. Sit, chat, pay, sir
4. I seen at birth cot
5. Their art's caustic

Alpha triangle

1 No Clue
2 South Afr.
3 At _ : perplexed or uncertain ?
4 Historic times
5 Frighten or alarm
6 F1 participants
7 Bowmen



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

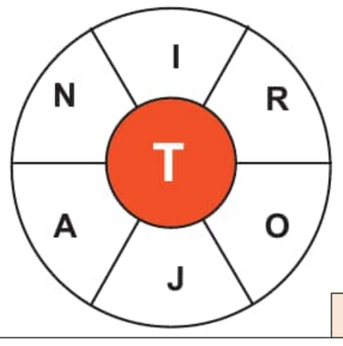
Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS T

KZR GFRRUIP KI PHBR H GIFKMQR IQ KZR OKIXB RWXZHQDR ZHO LRRQ PHUR KI OIMQU PIFR HCCMFTQD KZHQ GFRRUIP IG OSRRXZ.

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

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COMICS

Popeye

WHEN DO I GET TO MEET MY KING?
AS SOON AS YOU AND I SETTLE OUR BUSINESS!
BUSINESS!?!
THE DOWRY!! I'M HERE TO COLLECT THE LOOT!!
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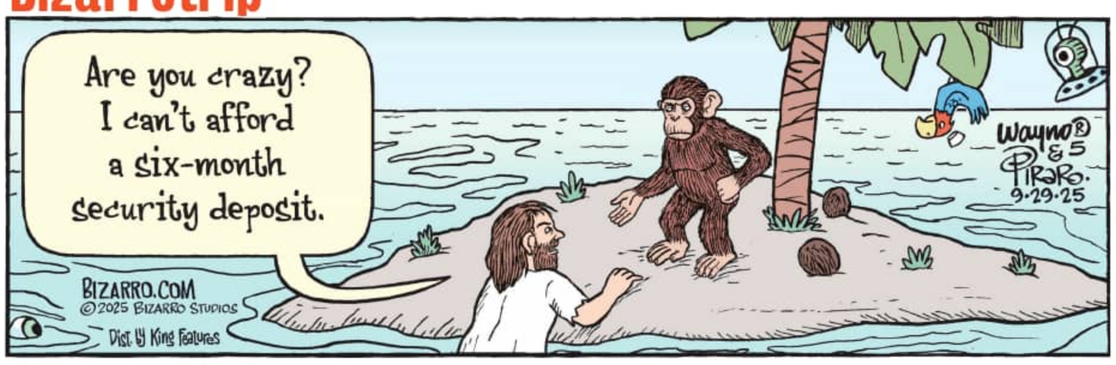
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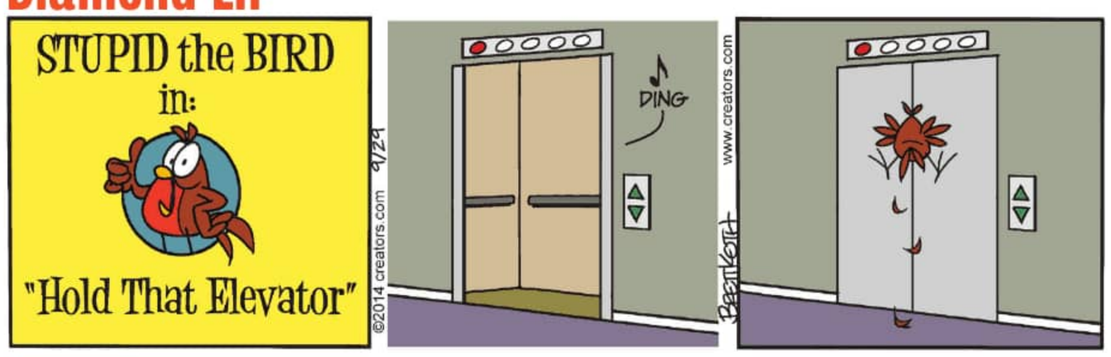

Hart of the city

HAS THE LAUNDRY ROOM ALWAYS LOOKED THIS SPOOKY?
FIRST UP, SORT THE LAUNDRY.
ADD THE DETERGENT, THEN THE CLOTHES ONE LOAD AT A TIME. IT'S FOUR DOLLARS PER LOAD.
FOUR DOLLARS? DON'T WE PAY RENT??
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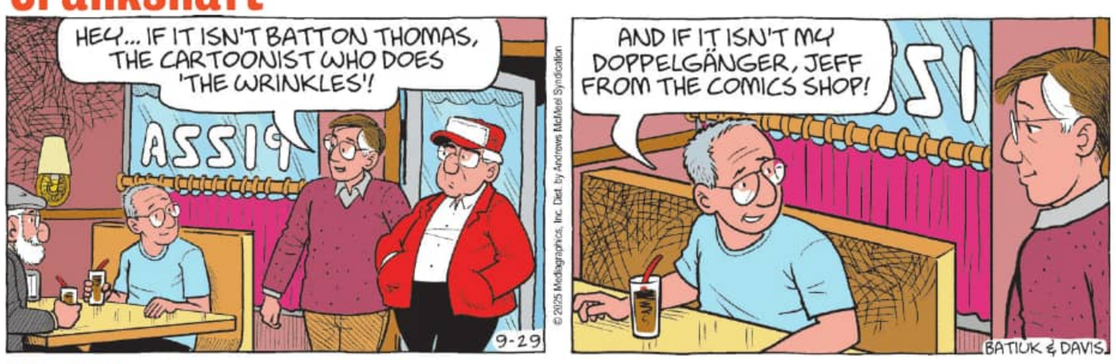
HEY... IF IT ISN'T BATTON THOMAS, THE CARTOONIST WHO DOES 'THE WRINKLES'!
AND IF IT ISN'T MY DOPPELGÄNGER, JEFF FROM THE COMICS SHOP!
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OH, EARL - IT'S TOUGH DATING A HOUSECAT!
WHY'S THAT, MOOCH !?!
SHE WON'T LET ME IN THE HOUSE.
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If it's your birthday today

A cycle focused on long-term strategic planning and material success begins now. Review your financial goals and make solid investments in your future. Responsibility in a community or organisational setting will bring you great influence. Commit to your largest ambitions; you have the discipline and fortitude to achieve them this year.

Aries Mar 21–Apr 20
A welcome change in your daily plans will free you from existing pressures. Domestic matters favour you strongly today. Any lingering issues within the family will find quick and harmonious resolution now.

Taurus Apr 21–May 20
You will find yourself raising your professional ambitions significantly today. A promising good deal is coming your way very soon. If you are considering moving, this is an excellent day to successfully begin that journey.

Gemini May 21–Jun 21
It is wise to choose your words carefully today, as small talk may cause trouble. However, your financial health is incredibly strong right now. This is a great day to move forward with a significant, large purchase.

Cancer Jun 22–July 23
Positive career changes are on the way, leading to success for job seekers. Pause starting new ventures today; focus on existing stability. Your current relationships are harmonious and in a very good, supportive place.

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You will happily reconcile with someone influential from your past today. Booking any travel tickets today is highly favoured for you. Singles are very likely to connect with a highly suitable romantic match now.

Virgo Aug 24–Sep 23
New, exciting career possibilities will come towards you easily today. Ensure any potential business partner acts with your best interests at heart. Your domestic life will settle into a comfortable, peaceful harmony now.

Libra Sep 24–Oct 22
Elders' blessings will greatly help you advance far today. Work progresses smoothly, requiring your gentle attention. Put in extra effort to impress your partner now. The letter 'W' will prove to be especially lucky for you.

Scorpio Oct 23–Nov 22
Feel more at ease as your work and domestic life are in perfect harmony now. It is a fantastic day to go out and explore your creative hobbies. Your natural creativity is at its powerful peak today.

Sagittarius Nov 23–Dec 22
Your personal relationships will experience great success and warmth today. Be mindful of potential disagreements with professional colleagues. Keep your guard up, as a few friends may not have your true best interest.

Capricorn Dec 23–Jan 20
Your social image and standing are , set to rise beautifully today. This will bring in new friendships, beneficial relationships, and career growth. Take the vital first step today if launching a new business.

Aquarius Jan 21–Feb 19
You will come across a significant and welcome monetary fortune today. Work will be busy, requiring you to confidently lead and delegate tasks. Keep your trustworthy friends very close to you now for support.

Pisces Feb 20–Mar 20
Success is highly likely in everything you choose to do today. Time is completely on your side, allowing you to relax and proceed your own way. Past investments bring in good gains.

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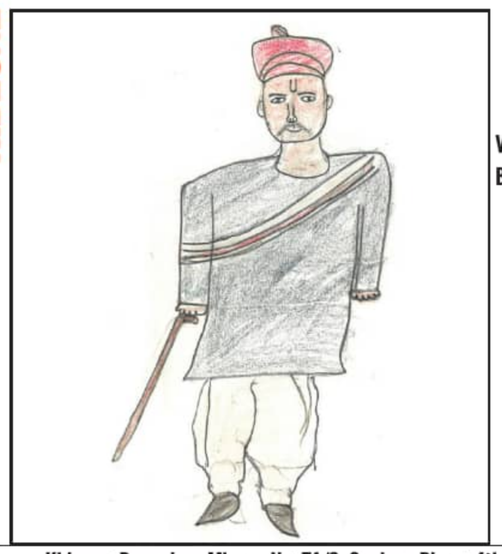

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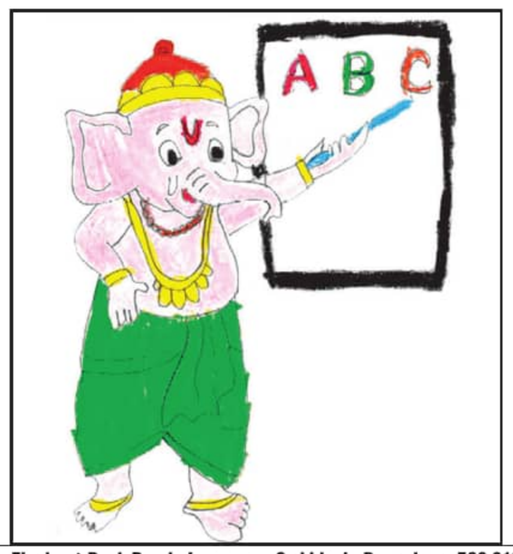

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BULL'S EYE
into, iota, JANITOR, joint, rant, ratio, ration, riot, torn, train, trio

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1. The dentist,
2. The economist,
3. A psychiatrist,
4. The obstetrician &
5. The caricaturists

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MENSA PUZZLE
The freedom to make a fortune on the stock exchange has been made to sound more alluring than freedom of speech.

QUOTE UNCODE
W. In rows from left to right each letter represents the numerical value of the first 9 prime numbers.

SUDOKU

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5	7	3	9	8	1	4	2	6
2	8	6	5	4	7	9	3	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, SA, Sea, Eras, Scare, Racers, Archers.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 - 5 + 7 - 4 = 7
Medium
2 + 5 + 4 + 8 = 19
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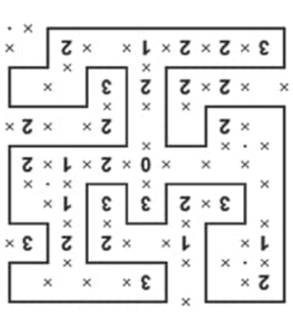
LOOP



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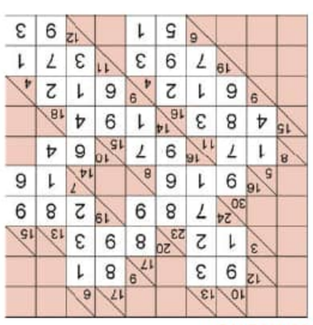

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Divorce finalised— Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban have officially finalised their divorce, three months after she filed. The former couple will share parenting duties and bear their own legal expenses

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When fate calls

For Chitrangda Singh, The Battle of Galwan came as a complete surprise. She says she never planned or expected to work in a Salman Khan film, despite having known the actor socially for several years.

Speaking to IANS, Chitrangda revealed how the project came her way. "It was Apoorva Lakhia who called me, and I was genuinely surprised. I never thought I would end up doing a Salman Khan film. I had never pitched myself for work with him, even though we knew each other socially," she said.

No planning involved

The actress clarified that there was no strategy or planning behind the casting. "We never discussed it, and I never approached him for work. It just happened naturally, and that's what made it special," she added.

A big film with real emotion

The Battle of Galwan is based on the 2020 India–China clash, an incident that deeply affected the nation. Chitrangda believes the film strikes a balance between scale and emotion.

"I think commercially it will be a big film, but it is also rooted in real incidents. That's a powerful combination for cinema," she said, recalling the widespread discussion around the clash at the time.

A personal connection

The film holds special significance for Chitrangda, who comes from an army family. "I'm proud to be the daughter of an army man. This is a world I know well, which makes the project very close to my heart," she shared.

The Battle of Galwan stars Salman Khan and is directed by Apoorva Lakhia. The film is expected to mark the actor's return to the big screen.

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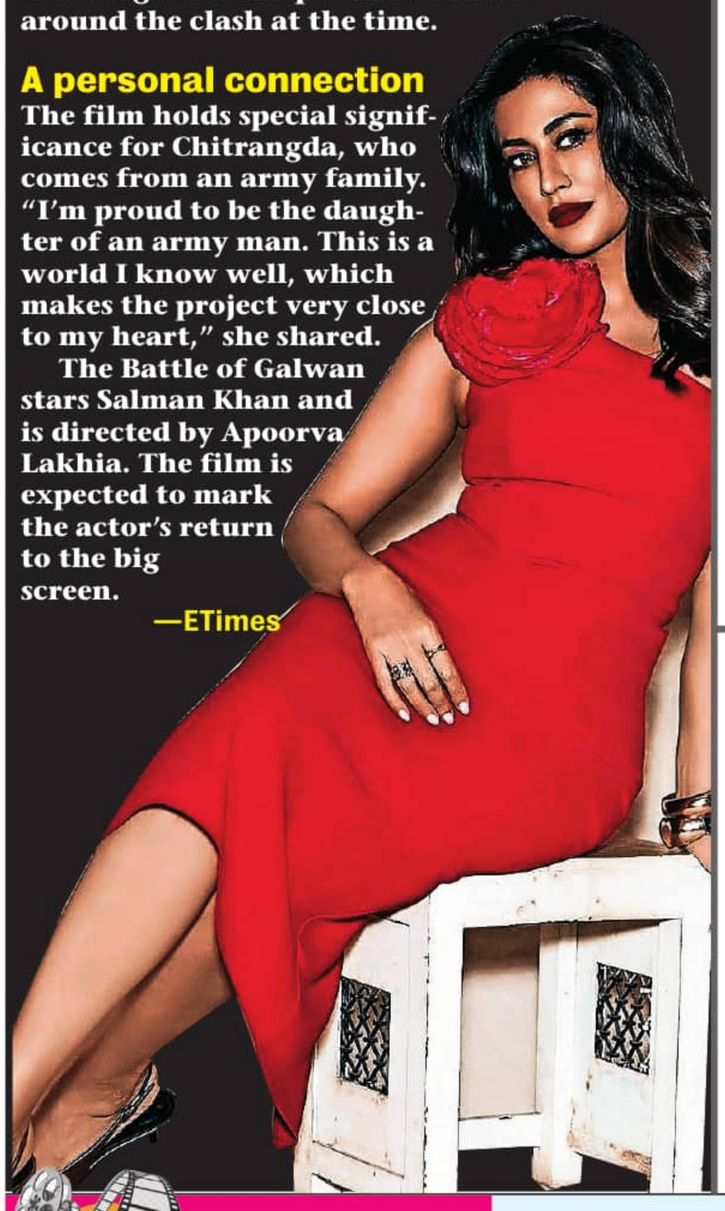

Life beyond cinema

Rising star to devoted caregiver, her story reveals a quieter side of fame

Parasakthi' actress Sreeleela is known for her energetic and striking performances. She has once again surprised fans with a revelation in a recent interview. Away from the glamour of the film industry, her personal journey has inspired many.

In 2022, at just 21, she adopted two children with disabilities — Guru and Shobhitha — from an orphanage. Last year, she also welcomed a baby girl into her family.

Balancing motherhood and cinema

Speaking to Galatta Plus, Sreeleela was asked how she manages a flourishing film career at 24 while raising three children. She revealed that her children currently live elsewhere under proper care, though she wishes they could be with her.

"I fall short of words and get jittery when I talk about it. But it's taken care of. I'm not a 'mother mother' because there's an entirely different story to that," she said.

The ashram connection

The 'Mass Jathara' actress recalled that it was during the early days of her career, while filming the 2019 Kannada film 'Kiss', that her director took her to an ashram where the children live.

"We speak on the phone and I keep visiting them there. It was a secret for a long time. The institution wanted me to talk about it so that more people are encouraged. I don't want credit, but I do want people to start looking in that direction," she added.

Background

Born on June 14, 2001, Sreeleela made her acting debut with the Kannada film 'Kiss' and rose to prominence through her work in Kannada and Telugu cinema. A trained Bharatanatyam dancer, she has also studied medical science.

Bollywood debut

Meanwhile, Sreeleela is gearing up for her Bollywood debut alongside Kartik Aaryan. In 2025, the duo shared a glimpse of their on-screen romance on social media, sparking excitement among fans. The musical film is directed by Anurag Basu, with music by Pritam.

—ETimes

Sequel in sight

Following the success of The Housemaid, Sydney Sweeney may soon return for the sequel, with the makers keen to cast the Euphoria star in the lead role. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Sweeney is likely to star in and executive produce The Housemaid's Secret for Lionsgate. The film is based on the second novel in Freida McFadden's trilogy and will once again be directed by Paul Feig.

While Sweeney has already signed on as an executive producer, confirmation of her acting role is still awaited, the report added.

Amanda Seyfried, who co-starred in the first film, will also serve as an executive producer for the sequel. Although her character does not appear in the second book, the possibility of her involvement has not been ruled out.

The Housemaid proved to be a box-office success, prompting Lionsgate to greenlight the sequel. The film has been in development for some time, with production expected to begin later this year.

The film stars Sweeney as a troubled maid and has grossed over USD 133 million worldwide. **— ETimes**

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Director's final word

Director Ramesh Kamath, who has directed four Konkani films, has announced that he will retire as a director after releasing his latest film, Nagna Sathya. A special screening was recently held at SRV Theatre for prominent personalities from Sandalwood. The film revolves around the three pillars of democracy and how people are affected when the legislature, judiciary and executive fail to function properly.

Appreciating Ramesh Kamath for handling the megaphone with aplomb in Nagna Sathya, veteran actress Padma Vasanthi said she liked the film and urged directors and producers to make more such films in Kannada. "I do not agree with Ramesh Kamath's announcement of his retirement. I want him to direct more films with meaningful content for the benefit of society. I wish good luck to the cast and crew of this film," she said.

Former Kannada Madhyama Academy chairman Sadashiv Shenoy and actor-director MD Kaushik praised the film and urged Ramesh Kamath to continue directing. Produced by his wife Kiranmayi under Aditya Cini Creations, Nagna Sathya was inspired by a real-life Bhopal incident, stars Aadhya Nayak and Ganesh Prabhu, and was shot in Bengaluru using sync sound.

Two heroines wanted

Dr Sangamesh Upase, a KAS officer known for his acting skills and dialogue delivery in the television serial Silli Lalli, is on the lookout for not one but two heroines for his maiden Kannada film Galibili Govinda. The shooting of three songs and around 10 per cent of the talkie portions has been completed in and around Indi and other scenic locations in the Bijapur district.

"We have completed only 10 per cent of the shooting so far. At present, I am looking for two local talents to play the heroines. I play the lead, which has two heroines. I do not want established actresses for this film and am looking for freshers who can speak Kannada with a Bijapur dialect. I play Govinda Gowda, who is compelled to opt for a second marriage as he has no children from his first wife," Upase said.

He said plans to cast veterans Umesh and Raju Talikote fell through following their deaths. "I now plan to approach senior comedy actors such as Rangayana Raghu, Mysuru Ramanand and Vaijanath Biradar to play key roles in the film, which aims to convey a social message about parents with children and those without," he said.